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SUBJECT: FRG AND SOUTH AFRICAN NPT ADHERENCE

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1. FRG FONOFF OFFICIAL INFORMED EMBOFF THAT GERMAN DEMARCHE URGING SOUTH AFRICAN ADHERENCE TO NPT HASNOT YET BEEN SUCCESSFUL. SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR SOLE MADE A "PRIVATE" VISIT TO RESPOND TO GERMAN DEMARCHE IN PRETORIA AFTER HIS RETURN TO FRG FROM HOME LEAVE. SOLE EXPLAINED THAT SAG COULD NOT ACCEPT NPT SO LONG AS DETAILS OF SAFEGUARDS TO BE APPLIED TO ITS URANIUM ENRICHMENT FACILITY REMAINED UNCLEAR.

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2. EMBOFF REMINDED FONOFF OFFICIAL THAT US APPROACH

TO FRG (STATE 256681, OCTOBER 1975) HAD ANTICIPATED THAT SAG WOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT PROTECTION OF ITS URANIUM ENRICHMENT TECHNOLOGY. WE HAD HOPED FRG COULD DRAW ON ITS OWN EXPERIENCE AND A SHARED INTEREST IN PREVENTING COMPROMISE OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION TO ASSURE SAG THAT IAEA SAFEGUARDS WOULD BE EFFECTIVE BUT NOT ENDANGER COMMERCIAL SECRECY.

3. FONOFF REP EXPLAINED THAT FRG HAD DONE SO, INFORMALLY. HE HAD RESPONDED TO SOLE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT SAG RATIONALE WAS ONLY AN EXCUSE AND REMINDED SOLE THAT LATTER'S EXPERIENCE WITH THE IAEA PROVIDED AMPLE ASSURANCE THAT SAG COULD PARTICIPATE EFFECTIVELY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAFEGUARDS MEASURES APPROPRIATE FOR URANIUM ENRICHMENT FACILITIES.

4. FONOFF REP EMPHASIZED THAT FRG DOES HOPE THAT SAG WILL ADHERE TO NPT. THIS WOULD SIMPLIFY GERMAN EFFORTS TO SELL A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT TO SOUTH AFRICA. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF RECENT SAG INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA, HE DOUBTED THAT FRG WOULD FIND IT POLITICALLY POSSIBLE TO APPROVE SALE OF POWER PLANT IF SAG ACCEPTED KWU BID. HE WAS PLEASED, THEREFORE, BY CURRENT DELAY IN SELECTING SUCCESSFUL BIDDER. NOTE: BONN 04314 (NOTAL) ALSO IMPLIES THAT FRG HAS NOT YET BEEN FORMALLY REQUESTED TO ISSUE A LICENSE FOR EXPORT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES TO SOUTH AFRICA.

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